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SUBJ: PHILIPPINE MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEEDS

REF: A. JUSMAG 120614Z FEB 75; B. MANILA 1888; C. JUSMAG 050514Z
MAR 75

1. IN REFS A AND B, JUSMAG AND EMBASSY REQUESTED WASHINGTON ACTION TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF CERTAIN MAP ITEMS IN ORDER PERMIT PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES TO FIELD FOUR ADDITIONAL BATTALIONS COMMITTED TO STATIC DEFENSE OPERATIONS IN MINDANAO AND SULUS. FROM SEVERAL SUBSEQUENT MILITARY MESSAGES, WE HAVE LEARNED, WITH APPRECIATION, THAT DOD AND U.S. ARMED SERVICES HAVE REACTED POSITIVELY AND WITH ALACRITY TO THESE REQUESTS. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MOST OF THE PROGRAM ITEMS WILL BE DELIVERED IN A MOST TIMELY MANNER.

2. PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS TELEPHONED ME TO EXPRESS HIS THANKS FOR ACTION TAKEN AND HAS ASKED ME TO RELAY THOSE THANKS TO WASHINGTON OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE. AT SAME TIME, HE AND I HAVE AGREED THAT ACTION WILL BE TREATED IN ROUTINE FASHION, WITHOUT PUBLICITY.

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3. IT WILL BE SEEN FROM REF C THAT MAJOR REMAINING UNFUL-
FILLED ITEM IN PHILIPPINE REQUEST IS ACTION BY STATE DEPARTMENT
TO APPROVE SALE OF 10,000 M-16 RIFLES BY COLT FOR EXPORT TO
PHILIPPINES. UNDERSTAND LETTER OF CREDIT HAS BEEN ISSUED AND
OFFICIAL REQUEST MADE TO DEPARTMENT BY PHILIPPINE EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE COLT WITH FORMAL APPROVAL
OF THIS SALE, IN HOPE IT CAN BE CONSUMMATED PRIOR MARCH
10 ARRIVAL IN PHILIPPINE OF DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS.
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